

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1.(currently amended): processed cheese, the cheese having a formulation, the cheese comprising emulsified liquid shortening composition comprising dietary fiber gel, water and lipid,

wherein the emulsified liquid shortening composition comprising dietary fiber gel, water and lipid is added in a prorated amount such that solids contained within the dietary fiber gel represent 0.1 percent to 3.5 percent by weight of the overall processed cheese formulation, and

the emulsified liquid shortening composition comprising dietary fiber gel, water and lipid replaces an equal amount of fat used in an otherwise identical recipe of processed cheese that uses no emulsified liquid shortening compositions comprising dietary fiber gel, water and lipid, and wherein the dietary fiber gel comprises insoluble dietary fiber.

2.(currently amended): processed cheese spread, the processed cheese spread having a formulation, the processed cheese spread comprising emulsified liquid shortening composition comprising dietary fiber gel, water and lipid,

wherein the emulsified liquid shortening composition comprising dietary fiber gel, water and lipid is added in a prorated amount such that solids contained within the dietary fiber gel represent 0.1 percent to 3.5 percent by weight of the overall processed cheese spread formulation, and

the emulsified liquid shortening composition comprising dietary fiber gel, water and lipid replaces an equal amount of fat used in an otherwise identical recipe of processed cheese spread that uses no emulsified liquid shortening compositions comprising dietary fiber gel, water and lipid, and wherein the dietary fiber gel comprises insoluble dietary fiber.